



Stronger Together

2015 May 13

Staff Rep Weekly

Please share this important information with all VESTA members

Dates to Remember

Meetings at VESTA office 4pm unless otherwise indicated

May 13

Professional Issues

May 14

Gathering Place
20th Anniversary

May 19

VESTA AGM
Museum of Vancouver

May 27

Health and Safety

May 25

UBC M.Ed Cohort
Learn about program!



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AGM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 2015 May 19
4 p.m.

Museum of Vancouver
1100 Chestnut St (Vanier Pk)

Teacher Regulation Branch Fee and VSB Pay

Members should have seen, before the end of April 30, an \$80 deduction appear on their VSB PeopleSoft pay statement. This would be the annual fee paid to the TRB to maintain your teaching certificate. If you did not see this deduction, contact VSB payroll (payrollandbenefits@vsb.bc.ca) to ensure payment is made.

Fight for 15 Rally, Friday, May 15 from 5 to 6 pm

You can stand up for those who need your help to stand!

Let's achieve a Living Wage for all workers in British Columbia. Only **one hour** of your time — between 5pm to 6pm — this Friday.

Meet at the Granville Skytrain exit downtown on Granville St. to rally, and we will solicit petition signatures to increase the minimum wage in BC.

Join us to help fight poverty in BC!

TPP Estimate and 2014 Job Action

As you know, at this time of year our Teachers' Pension Plan will send the annual Member's Benefit Statement (MBS) through the School Board. The estimation of pension income for your retirement date is based on last calendar year's service.

During 2014 we held our job action, so the amount of Pensionable Service (PS) has been reduced. A typical full time teacher will have earned about 8.6 months of PS instead of the 10 months. For a more accurate estimation of the effect, members can wait for next year's MBS or go online to adjust details to generate a new pension estimate. www.pensionsbc.ca/portal/page/portal/general_pension_estimator/tpp_general_estimator/

Support Ontario Teachers On Strike – Show your solidarity!

In Ontario, both the elementary teachers belonging to the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), are now in job action for bargaining new agreements, which expired last August. **How can you show your solidarity?**

- Please like the [ETFO Facebook page](#) on Twitter, please follow @ETFONews and tweet your support to #ETFO and #WeBuildBetterSchools
- For more information, visit the ETFO www.etfocb.ca/
- Please like the [OSSTF Facebook page](#). On Twitter, please follow @osstf and tweet your support to #OSSTF and #StandWithOSSTF
- For more information, visit OSSTF www.osstf.on.ca/en-CA/labour-action-2015
- See BCTF too for info: www.bctf.ca/AdvocacyAndAction.aspx?id=37342

Upcoming Events – VESTA AGM Coming on May 19!

Mark your calendar and plan to attend VESTA's Annual General Meeting, where the table officers and other members of the Executive Committee will be elected, the VESTA budget adopted, and any changes to bylaws made.

This year's AGM will be held in the Joyce Walley Room at the Museum of Vancouver, 1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, BC, starting at 4pm. Parking is available.